The Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program Mailing List Form Definitions of NPS Categories and Interests

Abandoned Mine Lands

Select this category if you are interested in restoring land affected by coal mining (prior to the 1977 implementation of SMCRA).

Agriculture

Select this category if you are interested in research articles, information on funding opportunities or onthe-ground implementation of NPS pollution controls for agriculture.

Atmospheric Deposition

Select this category if you are interested in developing a project relating to the effects of pollutants that are deposited from the atmosphere into our surface waters through precipitation particles or dry particles containing acids, trace metals, nutrients (particularly nitrogen) or toxic organic compounds.

Construction/Highway Maintenance

Select this category if you are interested in sediment and erosion control on construction sites, educational opportunities, BMP technologies, spill protection/prevention measures or other construction-related activities.

Forestry/Silviculture

Select this category if you are interested in forestry BMPs, silvicultural practices as they relate to water quality, educational opportunities, Master Logger programs or other forestry/silviculture activities.

Low-Impact Development/Smart Growth

Select this category if you are interested in applying better site design techniques to decrease the effects of development on water quality.

Onsite Wastewater Disposal

Select this category if you are interested in remediation of failing systems, cluster or alternative systems, O&M issues or other items related to onsite wastewater treatment systems.

Recreation

Select this category for information on controlling nonpoint source pollution from recreational activities such as marinas, golf courses, off road vehicles, trails and camping.

Resource Extraction

Select this category if you are interested in restoring land affected by coal mining and/or non-coal mining; for example, natural gas and oil exploration or extraction.

Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers

Select this category if you are interested in implementing storm water Best Management Practices to improve water infiltration and quality in urban areas.

Groundwater/Karst

Select this category if you are interested in issues relating to nonpoint source pollution in groundwater or karst ecosystems. This may include BMP technologies, water quality data or educational opportunities.

Monitoring and Assessment

Select this category if you are interested in conducting water quality investigations, TMDL development or determining designated uses or impairments.

Riparian Zone Management/Protection

Select this category if you are interested in stream protection through management of the land adjacent to rivers or streams. This is a general category and may not be specific to any particular land-use activity.

Stream Restoration

Select this category if you are interested in natural channel design, bioengineering, bank stabilization, riparian restoration and general fluvial geomorphic processes.

Education

Select this category if you are interested in developing curricula, education programs or evaluative instruments for formal educators in schools or for nonformal educators, as in nature centers.

Outreach

Select this category if you are interested in developing a media campaign, forming a watershed group or any presenting programs that seek to inform the general public about NPS water quality issues.

Watershed Implementation Plans

Select this category if you want to develop a watershed-wide management plan that will outline future activities and actions to improve water quality.

Watershed Projects

Select this category if you are interested in receiving information on watershed restoration and protection designed to reduce nonpoint source pollution, including aspects of watershed management such as water quality or quantity data, implementation challenges, planning, community involvement or technical support.